(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to provide early connections to the consumers waiting for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 11,868 applicants waiting for telephone connections for more than three years as on 30.11.2004, out of a total waiting list of 1,18,819 applicants.

(c) The steps taken by BSNL to provide early connection to these consumers are as given under:

(i) 8245 LCKM of underground cable has been ordered for 2004-05.

(ii) The vendors have started the supply and the cables are being laid to clear the waiting list within 5 kms. of existing exchanges.

(iii) 65000 lines of WLL system and Fixed Wireless Terminals have been planned to clear the waiting list beyond 5 kms. of existing exchanges.

Modernisation of telegram services in Uttar Pradesh

†2246. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for modernisation of telegram services in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) by when the task of modernisation of telegram services is likely to be completed in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The district-wise details are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Modernisation of Telegraph Services has already been completed in Uttar Pradesh and further modernisation is a continuous process and is done on need/feasibility basis.

Statement

District-wise details of Modernisation of Telegraph Services in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh (East)

Name of Distt. HQ.	SFMSS	SFMSS Ports	FTC/EKBC	FT/EKB	ETP	B.FAX
Allahabad		8	2	10	20	3
Ambedkarnagar		-	-	-	-	3
Auraiya		-	-	-	-	1
Azamgarh		2	1	-	2	2
Bahraich		1	-	-	2	1
Ballia		1	1	1	1	1
Balrampur		-	-	-	-	1
Banda		1	1	2	1	1
Barabanki		1	-	-	1	1
Basti		1	-	1	1	1
Bhadohi		-	-	-	2	1
Chandauli		-	-	-	-	-
Deoria		2	-	-	2	1
Etawah		2	-	-	2	1
Faizabad		3	2	-	4	3
Farrukhabad		1	-	-	2	1
Fatehpur		1	-	-	1	1
Ghazipur		1	1	-	2	1
Gonda		2	-	-	2	3
Gorakhpur		3	1	-	9	1
Hamirpur		1	-	-	2	1
Hardoi		2	-	-	2	1
Jaunpur		1	1	-	2	1
Jalaun		1	-	-	2	1
Jhansi		1	1	-	4	1
Karwi		-	-	-	-	1
Kannauj		-	-	-	-	1
Kanpur	32 Lines	15	1	1	22	4
Kausambhi		-	-	-	-	1

Name of Distt. HQ.	SFMSS	SFMSS Ports	FTC/EKBC	FT/EKB	ETP	B.FAX
Lakhimpur		1	-	-	2	1
Lalitpur		1	-	-	1	1
Lucknow	128 Lines	17	-	4	10	6
Maharajganj		-	-	-	1	1
Mahoba		-	-	-	-	1
Mainpuri		1	-	-	2	2
Mau		1	1	-	2	1
Mirzapur		1	-	-	4	3
Pratapgarh		1	1	-	2	2
Padrauna		-	-	-	-	1
Raibareli		1	-	-	2	1
Sant Kabirnagar		—	—	—	—	1
Shahajanpur		2	—	—	2	1
Shravasti		—	—	—	—	1
Siddharth Nagar		1	—	—	1	2
Sitapur		1	1	—	2	2
Sonbhadra		—	—	—	2	1
Sultanpur		2	1	—	4	2
Unnao		1	—	—	2	1
Varanasi	32 Lines	7	1	—	10	3
TOTAL	3 Systems	89	17	19	137	74
Uttar Pradesh (West)						
Agra	32 Lines	8	—	3	18	5
Aligarh		4	—	4	16	2
Baghpat		—	—	—	1	2
Bareilly	32 Lines	6	—	3	12	5
Bijnore		2	—	1	4	3
Budaun		1	—	1	1	1
Bulandshahr		2	—	1	2	1
Etah		2	—	2	5	2
Firozabad		1	—	1	2	1
Gautambudh Nagar		2	—	2	2	1
Ghaziabad		8	—	3	4	4
Hatras		2	—	1	2	1
Jyotibaphulenagar		—	—	—	2	1
Mathura		2	—	1	3	1
Meerut		8	1	5	15	3
Moradabad		4	—	1	5	3
Muzaffarnagar		4	—	1	7	4

Name of Distt. HQ.	SFMSS	SFMSS Ports	FTC/EKBC	FT/EKB	ETP	B.FAX
Pilibhit		1	—	1	1	1
Rampur		2	—	1	2	1
Saharanpur		3	—	1	10	2
Total (UP West)	**2 Systems**	**62**	**1**	**33**	**114**	**44**
Total UP (East)	**3 Systems**	**89**	**17**	**19**	**137**	**74**
Grand Total	**5 Systems**	**151**	**18**	**52**	**251**	**118**

Abbreviations used:

SEMSS	:	Store and Forward Message Switching System
SFMSS PORT	:	A PC Based Terminal for Disposal of Telegrams to/from SFMSS
FTC	:	Formatted Terminal Concentrator
EKBC	:	Electronic Keyboard Concentrator
FT	:	Formatted Terminal
ETP	:	Electronic Teleprinter
B. FAX	:	Bureau Fax Centre

Delimitation of urban and rural areas

2247. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the BSNL is charging the rent prescribed to the urban sector from the subscribers residing in the rural areas of Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to rectify this anomaly; and

(c) whether Government are considering to review the existing unscientific delimitation of urban and rural areas in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. Only rural rent is being charged from rural subscribers in Kerala, as classified in the Census Report 2001.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.